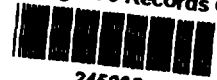


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Chicago International Exporting
Attn: Mr. Bud Cohen and Mr. Steven Cohen
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Chicago, IL. 60609

Dear Sirs,

By this letter and via meetings and daily verbal conversations, the U.S. EPA is notifying you of the materials and equipment which will have to be moved in your yard to facilitate the on-going Superfund Removal Action.

The U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator, Steven J. Faryan, has verbally asked numerous times on December 20 and 21 and December 27 and 28 and January 3 and January 9 to move metal debris out of the way in the North Portion of the Main yard. Although some debris was moved, the U.S. EPA had to move the remaining steel, debris and shaker screen during the week of December 27 through December 30 and January 3 through present to facilitate excavation of the PCB and Lead contaminated soil.

Numerous piles of scrap steel, steel plates, cylinders, tanks and other metal debris remain in the North Portion of the Main Yard. The U.S. EPA is asking that the uncontaminated scrap metal be moved from the main yard immediately. If the scrap is not moved by January 17, 1995, then the U.S. EPA will have to load and dispose or recycle the metal.

The On-Scene Coordinator asked CIE to move metal debris and metal plates from the rail spur in the main yard on December 27 and 28 and again on January 3 and January 9. The OSC asked to open the rail spur up so that two gondola cars could be staged for loading. To date no steel has been moved and actually more steel has been piled on the tracks. This has and will slow down the loading and disposal operations causing an extension on our time line and additional costs. The U.S. EPA is asking CIE to move all debris and scrap from the rail spur by January 17, 1994, which at that point the U.S. EPA will have to move and dispose or recycle the metal.

The On-Scene Coordinator has asked repeatedly on December 20 and 21 and on December 27 and again on January 3 to move steel loading and off loading operation to the Wentworth St. gate by January 20. Nothing has been done to date to move these

operations. The road in the main yard will be excavated after January 20 and will not be backfilled until confirmation sampling indicates the area is clean.

The main yard will not be backfilled up to the old grade. The excavated areas will be leveled and backfilled with 6 to 12 inches of tunnel stone.


U.S. EPA investigation sampling in the main yard has shown lead contamination above RCRA regulations under the concrete pad in the North end. The concrete will be broken out and contaminated soils excavated. This phase of the removal action will commence at the end of January 1995.

The removal action will move from North to South in the main yard. All contaminated soil will be excavated and piles and debris and contaminated shredded material will be scraped from the entire main yard and disposed of appropriately. The pad will be decontaminated appropriately with high pressure washers, scabblers or by other means. This phase of the removal will commence in February of 1995. It is expected that the shredding operations in the Main yard will have to be shut down during the Month to facilitate clean-up operations.

The final phase of the removal action will be in the main building containing the chopping and gravity separator units. All contaminated piles will be removed and disposed and dust and debris will be scraped and or vacuumed for disposal. The floor and walls will be decontaminated with a high pressure washer and scabbler.

The U.S. EPA has discussed this work plan verbally with owner Mr. Bud Cohen on January 12, 1995. The owner agreed that most of the dates stated above are reasonable and will be taken care of by CIE. Mr. Cohen stated "that CIE will fight the removal of the concrete pad in the North end". This phase of the removal will be put on hold until an agreement can be worked out or until the next court date.

If you have any questions regarding this letter feel free to contact Mr. Steven Faryan on site at 312-373-1085.


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